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Triumph in the Streets...

A highly dramatic, action packed, feature length motion picture, *Triumph in the Streets,* will be produced and directed by Dan Neidermeyer of Maranatha Productions, Inc., as a part of the 100th anniversary celebration of Christian Endeavor.

This feature length movie, highlights the work and ministry of a local Christian Endeavor society as its youthful members with their adult sponsors endeavor to "reach out" with love and understanding to their community's several teenage "gangs." Though fictional, the movie script, also written by Neidermyer, is based on a year's research and experience with local Christian Endeavor groups throughout the United States and Canada.

Five hundred young people from various states and the province of Ontario will converge on Lititz, Pennsylvania, during the first two weeks of August 1980 to be involved in the actual shooting of the movie. Many of these Christian Endeavor young people will be part of the town's "gangs," two groups of teenagers bored with their town and its lack of youthful involvements and entertainments who commit burglary for "something to do" and also as a means of acquiring silver and gold items, which they subsequently fence for top-dollar prices within today's highly inflationary economy. As such, the "gangs" commit burglary, mug old ladies, terrorize people in the park, and war among themselves.

Yet in this same small middle-American town there are young people who are concerned about and care for others and want very much to be of help and assistance to other young people in trouble and need. Throughout the picture, the Christian Endeavor young people and the gang members interact and are challenged by one another as two worlds and two lifestyles come into contact, sometimes conflict, with each other.

The entire movie will be produced totally on location in the streets, back alleys, park, community center, jail, police station, church and houses of the beautiful 200 year old Pennsylvania Dutch Moravian community of Lititz, Pennsylvania. Five semi-professional actors will head the cast of five hundred to provide excellence in acting.

Media representatives will be invited to the movie's locations during the two weeks of shooting in Lititz. The premier showing of *Triumph in the Streets* will be held in Portland, Maine during the *Festival of Hope* Centennial Convention, August 12-16, 1981.

As I See It

by Charles W. Barner

January 8, 1975, Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, visited our home. At the beginning of the day he read the *Moravian Daily Text* in German. My wife Marietta, who was raised in the Moravian Church, picked up her English *Moravian Daily Text* and read. We had a delightful time sharing God's Word in the German and English languages.

For 250 years the *Moravian Daily Text* has been provided around the world in many languages in ever increasing numbers. In September 1979 I was privileged to visit the Moravian settlement of Herrnhut in the German Democratic Republic where the *Moravian Daily Text* is selected each year. One and a quarter million copies of the *Moravian Daily Text* will be published in twenty-five languages and dialects in 1980.

While the *Moravian Daily Text* is one of the oldest devotional guides, there are literally hundreds of devotional booklets and Bible reading guides published today. Throughout the 99-year history of the Christian Endeavor movement, there has been great emphasis on personal devotions. Thousands of Endeavorers make it their first priority of the day to spend 15 minutes or more in private devotions.

As we approach the Centennial of the Christian Endeavor movement, we encourage you, if you have not already done so, to secure a devotional guide and spend time every day with the Lord: reading His word with other devotional material, praying and meditating. We grow and become mature Christians as we stay close to the Lord each day. Our weekly worship with our fellow believers in the church needs to be fortified with personal inner strength.

Christian Endeavor Living Memorials

Living memorials offer an opportunity to express love and appreciation for lives of departed friends or loved ones. It also is a means of showing tribute to them while making an investment in the lives of young people today.

Through the gift of memorials to Chirstian Endeavor, you continue support for a movement that has meant much to an individual during his lifetime. In lieu of sending flowers why not take the opportunity to make a living memorial to Christian Endeavor as a tribute to one who has finished his course and entered into the rest of the Lord.

To give a living memorial send contributions with the name of the person to be remembered to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the family of the deceased and also to the contributor.

During 1979 the International Society received memorial gifts honoring the following persons:

Olin Badeaus
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Mrs. Violet Pitsenberger
Norman L. Rice
Miss Pearl L. Whitten

Marshall Islands

Youth Conference

by Rev. Christian A. Tirre

The biennial Marshall Islands Youth Conference began Sunday, June 3, 1979, with close to 5,000 persons attending the morning worship service in the Uliga Protestant Church, Majuro, District Center (capital) of the Marshall Islands. I was invited by the Rev. Jude Samson to share in the conference because of my background in Christian Endeavor. Work with the young adults in the Marshall Islands is called Christian Endeavor.

The Marshall Islands are made up of islands and atolls containing 70 square miles of land sprinkled across 375,000 miles of the Pacific Ocean. In May of 1979 the Marshall Islands officially became a nation. Its first president, the Honorable Amata Kabua, attended one of the sessions of the Youth Conference.

Some of the delegates flew into Majuro from the outlying islands and atolls, while others had to come by ship; some arrived two weeks before the conference because of the copra ship schedule.

The mornings were spent in opening devotions then two periods of instruction, one of which I used to present the basics of Christian Endeavor. Music played a vital part in the week's conference, with each island group making presentations. The graduations of the Majuro public high school and the Rong Rong Christian High School took place during the conference at the Uliga Church.

The people of the Marshalls are very outgoing in their expressions of love. The greeting for "hello" is "Yokwe" which also means love. At the end of the week they had a special time in which they presented a program of dance and singing in my honor to express appreciation for my sharing in the conference. That concluded with the various groups bringing gifts of handcrafts and money. The Marshall Islands are faced with many challenges as its people begin to share in the development of their own nation. The Church has an important role to play in training its youth to know Christ and discover how He can be served effectively in every day life amidst the unfavorable elements of western culture that have come into the islands; they now have television.

We need to pray for the people of Majuro for in December their district center on Majuro Atoll was destroyed by large waves which swept away homes. Fortunately no one was killed, but most of the people were left homeless. Aid is being given by the United States government and other groups.

Spotlight

By Mary Moffitt

Christian Endeavor in Texas was organized into a state union in October 1890 at a meeting held in Fort Worth. This organizational meeting came about as a result of several years of fruitful Christian Endeavor society service around the state. (The first Christian Endeavor society had been organized in 1887 in Second, now North Park, Presbyterian Church of Dallas.) From its outset, Texas Christian Endeavor was interdenominational in leadership and scope, this factor helping to sustain it through several decades of denominational affiliation changes.

The joint efforts and combined leadership of youth and adults have been instrumental in the continuing ministry of Texas Christian Endeavor. Financially, small children are encouraged to contribute $3.65 a year in support of the state union. (This amounts to a penny and, hopefully, a prayer a day. The bulk of support comes from those who contribute $35 or more per year to the state union (these persons are known as "Dynamos"). Faithful alumni also are strong supporters of the work and provide encouragement to today's leadership.

In 1949 a teenager was first elected state president — Robert Thompson, now a minister in Sherman, Texas. Many succeeding presidents also have been teenagers, including the current state president, Debbie Witcher of Harlingen, who is fulfilling her second term while a freshman at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. The current state council is a blend of youth and adults.

Years before the Supreme Court decision of 1954, Christian Endeavor in Texas had been interracial but this enriching aspect of the Christian Endeavor movement became more evident when preparations for the 1965 International Convention in Dallas began.

Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church in Dallas has been very active in Texas Christian Endeavor for many years and provides much Dallas district and Texas state leadership. Jesse Gardner, an active layman in his church and denomination, has served in many leadership capacities in Christian Endeavor in the state.

State Office

Presently staffed on a part-time basis by Mrs. Henry (Carolyn Arnold) Saucier, office secretary, the state office is the coordinating force and hub of the work of the Texas Christian Endeavor Union. From the Headquarters all mailings are made, financial records kept, bills paid, and paperwork of the state union generated and coordinated.

Newest Texas Christian Endeavor Society recognized.

State Functions

Two activities each year are planned, promoted and executed by the Texas Christian Endeavor Union: State Convention (generally held the third week or weekend of June) which is geared primarily for inspiration and challenge, and State Workers' Conference (held over the Labor Day Weekend) for leadership training.

The 1980 State Convention will be a home-housed convention hosted by Bruton Road Christian Church, and assisted by other Dallas Christian Endeavor churches. Dan Neidermyer will be the guest leader of the June 12-14 event with Jim McCuiston, an elder in the host church, serving as Local Convention Chairman. The theme of this year's convention will be "Your Witness Is Showing — Make Your Life Count!" with the Program Committee being chaired by Micki Yale of Harlingen.

For a number of years the Workers' Conference has been held in the beautiful hill country of Texas, at the H.E.B. Foundation Camp near Leakey, Texas. Herb and Grace Davies of Erie, Pennsylvania, were guest leaders for the 1979 event and contributed greatly to the program which was based on the theme, "Tracing Our Roots." Immediate past president, Priscilla Parker of San Antonio, was the chairperson of the Program Committee.

State Expansion

For the past two summers the immediate past associate president of the International Society, Phil Assink, was employed as field

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secretary. In 1978 he spent three months traveling across the state introducing churches and pastors to the program of Christian Endeavor. In 1979 his schedule allowed for only two weeks of field work in Texas. Jim Harrelson of Dallas served as Extension Committee Chairman for both summers.

The newest Christian Endeavor church in Texas, a result of Phil's extension work, is the Independent Methodist Church of Grand Prairie. Because of this distinction, the floral arrangement at the 99th Dallas District Birthday Banquet was presented to the groups for their use in their home church on Sunday, February 3. Over 180 persons participated in this Dallas District Birthday Banquet on Saturday, February 2, at the Urbandale Christian Church, Dallas.

State Cooperation

Texas Christian Endeavor has consistently contributed to the Roll Call efforts of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. At times when International has needed additional funds for special programs, Texas has responded. This year a $5,000 contribution has been made toward the filming of the centennial motion picture project, TRIUMPH IN THE STREETS, being produced and directed by Dan Neidermyer.

At the 1979 International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, approximately 75 Texans flew to the islands to this great convention.

The Lone Star State also has consistently provided leadership for International Christian Endeavor activities.

Longtime C.E.'ers Shelton Filkins and Lucille Jamieson honored at birthday banquet.

State of the Future

With an eye towards the Second Century, Texas has begun its statewide Centennial Year Celebration Committee, which is being headed by Mrs. R. H. (Alice) Fuqua of Harlingen. Past state presidents have been asked to head up subcommittees for the 1981 festivities. Efforts are being made to take a healthy "look back" to see where Christian Endeavor began, came from, and what it has contributed so that together Texas may move forward for Christ and the Church in continuing service in the Second Century.

New England — "The eyes of Texas are upon you" as Texas looks forward with great anticipation to the 19th World's and 56th International Christian Endeavor Conventions in Portland, Maine, August 12-16, 1981.

Tracing Our Roots

by Mrs. Grace Davies

Confession of Christ . . . Service for Christ . . . Loyalty to Christ's Church . . . Fellowship with Christ's people: we experienced all of them t the Texas Workers' Conference at Leakey over Labor Day 1979.

Another experience was space: the "wide open spaces" of the west Texas foothills and the land and air distances covered by each Texas Endeavorer. The shortest was the two-hour drive west from San Antonio, the longest was the eight-hour bus trip from "the valley" at Harlingen.

The generous gift of hospitality is nurtured, and grows, in Texas. Hospitality began with the camp, for the H. E. Butt Foundation contributes facilities for those who make effective use of them; "Singing Hills" was provided for the conference.

This riverside camp was the setting for an inspiring program, well-prepared meals, varied recreation — but the heart of the conference was the genuine fellowship of those Christian Endeavorers, Junior High through Adult ages, as they worked, worshipped, sang, prayed, and played together.

The Texas Christian Endeavor Union involves wide ranges of distance, ages, and backgrounds; it also has a wide range of history. The first Christian Endeavor societies in Texas began in 1887; the state union was organized in October 1890 in Fort Worth. Centennial plans began at the Workers Conference; they will cover many areas of activities as they develop under the direction of the state president, Debbie Witcher.

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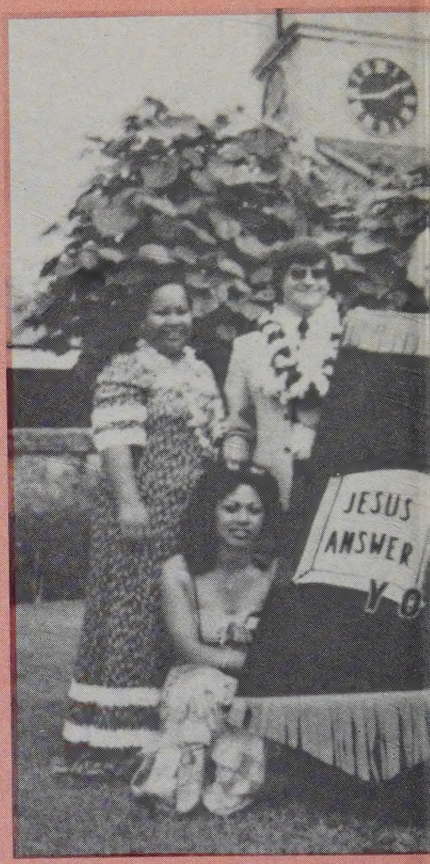

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Conference

ASPAH

by Dr. James D. Yoder

James D. Yoder, Ph.D., is professor of Biblical languages and literature at the Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

Tomorrow won't you plan to spend a day with Asaph? Yes, Asaph. But you never heard of him and don't know where to find him. You can find him in the Bible in the book of Chronicles. Obviously he is not a king or a prophet or an apostle, else you would know about him. He was a sounder of cymbals, a member of the temple orchestra in the percussion section.

Nice meeting him, but that's not very exciting. Maybe not, but that is just the beginning. Look for him in the Psalms and you'll discover that he is a composer of psalms. From a cymbal player to a psalmwriter — now, that **is** something.

What a pleasure getting to know this man in the Bible named Asaph via the concordance and the Bible dictionary! This is the way to make friends of the people of God who lived in the days when the history of the Bible was taking place. It is the study of the Bible through biography.

Most commonly we open the Bible and study it to find doctrine, the stuff of belief. Indeed, the Bible was written to set forth the truth of God as He initiated the revelation of Himself. But God's self revelation always was directed to man and it invited a response from man. Accordingly in the Bible we can observe the way people related to God and to one another in the community of faith.

We are suggesting, then, that you consider Bible study as an opportunity to meet people of like faith. Talk to them! Ask questions about them. Observe carefully their conduct. Although they may not answer your question directly, you can draw conclusions about them by what you hear and see. Isn't that exactly how we fill in our understanding of our friends and associates? They don't tell us everything we think about them.

But you say the people you meet in the Bible always say the same thing whenever you approach them. So what? How often do we repeat ourselves on successive contacts? Moreover, we don't listen too carefully when people talk; and we don't always think through what they say. So we have need to return to them to ask them to repeat what they had said.

This can be exciting Bible study. Find the pertinent portions of Scripture on the activity of the chosen individual. Take careful note of the details. Recreate the event and enter imaginatively into the experience. Let the author of Scripture, the Holy Spirit, touch your heart as you strive for a personal acquaintance with a woman or man, a girl or boy of biblical history.

You may want to start with someone like David, the events of whose life cover many chapters. You need to use much imagination to learn some of his traits. Sometimes he was tough; other times he was tender. Trace the lines of his character as they weave in and out of his experiences. See yourself in the mirror of his life in your struggle for consistent Christian living.

Then you may want to turn to lesser known people who are not leaders or specially called. Identify with them. See how their attention to "minor" activities made them a part unexpectedly of a great event, blessed by divine revelation.

Aren't you curious about this man Asaph and how he advanced from a cymbal player to a choir leader to a composer? Call upon him in Scripture. Make his acquaintance. Discover the joys of biographical Bible study.

The Brave Little Dutch Couple

by Sue Hersog

Once upon a time in a land not so very far away there lived a little Dutch couple. Actually, the man was not so very little and the woman was not really very Dutch, but for the sake of the story we will say they were a little Dutch couple.

One time as the couple was walking through their church's youth department they noticed a small hole in the structure. Out of this hole they saw some of the kids' enthusiasm for Jesus Christ slowly trickling away. The hole was really quite small at first and could hardly be seen, but as time went on, the hole grew bigger and the couple saw that the young people were losing more and more of their excitement for the Lord.

Well, the little Dutch couple tried sticking their fingers in the hole to stop the leak, but that didn't work. So they searched all over for something that would fill up that hole. They knew that if the leak was not stopped quickly the whole structure might break down and the entire youth department would be ruined. Their search for something to stop the leak led them to a big cabin in the big forest. The cabin was called "Shin Lodge," and when they opened the door and went inside they found love, laughter, and most of all excitement for Jesus Christ. They found something exciting, too — an idea called Christian Endeavor — and it was this idea that they brought back to their church to use to plug the leak and save the youth department from ruin.

The youth department that was saved is tht of the Rose Hill Presbyterian Church of Kirkland, Washington, and the brave little Dutch couple is Jim and Mary Lou Roetcisoender (pronounced Rit-zi-sin-der). And it is partly because of their heroic deed three and one half years ago that this year's Washington State Convention was held at Rose Hill.

Jim and Mary Lou met in what Mary Lou calls a "plain Jane" situation. They got to know each other when Mary Lou began attending Jim's church, Laurelhurst Presbyterian in Seattle, "because there were a lot of good looking single men there." They were married two years later, in 1960, and then moved to the dairy farm that Jim's family has lived on since 1941 in the Snoqualmie Valley. They have lived there since, raising about 120 cows and three boys, not necessarily in that order.

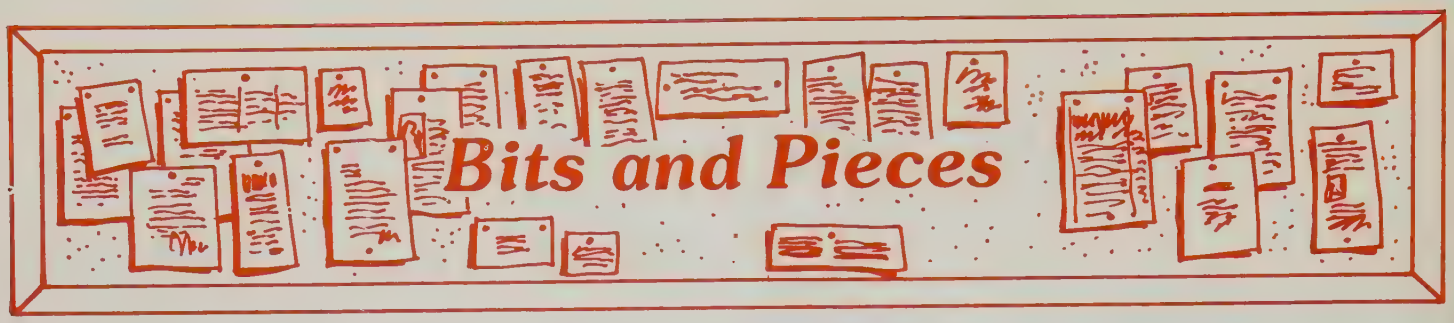
Jim and Mary Lou have been junior high sponsors for the last five years and are very excited about the changes that have taken place in the junior and senior high groups since they became a part of Christian Endeavor. When asked what they liked about the things they saw in Christian Endeavor, Jim replied, "It's value lies in the fact that it involves kids in every area of the church and trains them to be the leaders of the church in the future!" Mary Lou's response was, "It's a youth program in which the youth developed in their spiritual lives through involvement."

Involvement seems to be the key here, and no one knows more about involvement than the Roetcisoenders. As local charimen for the 1980 state convention, they had their work cut out for them. But Mary Lou says, "We've had some super chairmen and I really like having the kids on each of the committees." She just enjoys organizing and working with people.

When asked how long they plan to be Christian Endeavor sponsors, they replied, "Until the Lord leads us out of it." They have a new young couple, Tom and Cathy Wilkins, working with them as junior high sponsors this year and everything is going well. The kids are excited about C.E., but most of all they're excited about Jesus Christ. Their enthusiasm for Him is no longer trickling away — the leak has been plugged with a Christian youth program that has really worked.

And so as our story ends, we see that everyone is living happily ever after — eternally!

(Adapted from the Washington Christian Endeavor Bulletin.)



The Christian Endeavor societies of the Woodstock Reformed Church, Woodstock, New York, recently presented to their church a check in the amount of $1000 in appreciation for the support given them in their activities by the church.

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A *vox humana* stop for the church organ was presented in memory of Matthew Dunlop to the New Westminster Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ontario. The gift was made possible by contributions by friends in the Ontario Christian Endeavour Union and the choir of the local church. Matt was an active Christian Endeavorer in Ontario for many years and the Union was represented by Margaret Clarkson, president, who participated in the service.

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Dr. Paul Benjamin, Mr. Christian Endeavor of North America in 1950 and a featured speaker at the 1973 International Convention in Evansville, Indiana, has been appointed coordinator for the American Festival of Evangelism, meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, July 27-30, 1981. This three-day event is designed to focus attention on the opportunities for evangelism in America during the 1980's

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Hope Finfrock Norris, known and loved by many Endeavorers, celebrated her 90th birthday, October 12, 1979. Her life of love and service has been an inspiration to many. A very belated "Happy Birthday, Hope."

Milton K. Yee, certified public accountant, who served as treasurer for the 1979 Hawaii Convention Committee, has been selected by the Hawaii chapter of the National Association of Accountants as its most valuable member for 1978-1979. This is the second consecutive year that Milton has been the recipient of this award.

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Emmie and Billy Smith, long time Endeavorers from the Golden Rule Union, wish to express thanks to God for all who have channeled God's love to Emmie during her extended illness. Emmie has served in many positions in Christian Endeavor, the most recent being as field secretary of the Golden Rule Union and as a member of the Educational Committee of the International Society. Greetings may be sent to Emmie at 605 Irving Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20010.

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Our best wishes are extended to Madge McCannon of Greensboro, the new president of the North Carolina Christian Endeavor Union.

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Mrs. Mabel Meadows, wife of Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, was called to her eternal home on November 30, 1979. Mrs. Meadows, a well-known musician, was a composer of several choruses, including *Let the Lord Have His Way,* which have been sung at many Christian Endeavor gatherings. Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Dr. Meadows and his family.

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Bill Goodwin has resigned as the president of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union as he has accepted employment in Arizona. Bill and Cathy's new address is 4447 West Carol, Glendale, AZ 85301.

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Sandy Bennett, Cleveland, Ohio has been elected president of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union to fill the unexpired term of Bill Goodwin.

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Mrs. Jessie Abbey, widow of Vere W. Abbey, died recently at the age of 89. Mrs. Abbey and her husband served as missionaries to India under the auspices of the Methodist Church and later were appointed to represent the World's Christian Endeavor Union in India. Our sympathy is extended to members of the family.

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Herb and Grace Davies, active Endeavorers from Erie, Pennsylvania, have spent many hours preparing historical materials for microfilming. Issues of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD (Oct. 1886-Sept. 1911) already have been filmed and other materials are in preparation. We appreciate the fine job they are doing in this area as a service to Christian Endeavor.

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Anyone having items of historical value are asked to contact the International Society as we prepare for the Centennial convention.

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State Music Winner

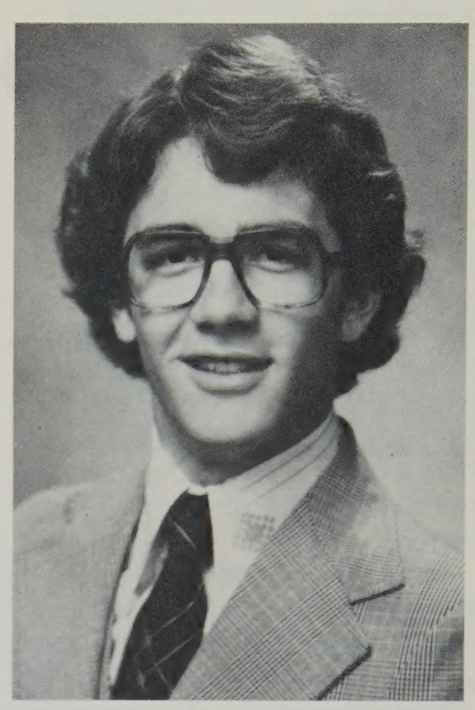
Dana Schroyer, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Schroyer, Lackawannock Township, won first place in the state finals of the Teen Music competition sponsored by the Pennsylvania Sunday School Association. This competition was held as a part of the final meeting of the annual three-day convention of Pennsylvania Sunday Schools. This competition, held Saturday, October 20th, was at the Brookville High School, Brookville, Pa., To be able to qualify for this contest Schroyer competed and won first place in the Mercer County Teen Talent Contest, the Northwest Regional contest and the Western Pennsylvania competition. To win Schroyer sang, "Thank You, Lord" by Dan Burgess, from the musical, "The Apostle." Jane Bartholomew, director of music at Unity Presbyterian Church was his accompanist.

Schroyer is a member of Unity Presbyterian Church, Greenfield, Lackawannock Township where he is a member of the Senior High Sunday School class, president of Christian Endeavor youth and a soloist with the Young Voices of Unity. He is also a part of the music group,"Love Connection," sponsored by Mercer County Christian Endeavor Union.

He is a senior at West Middlesex High School where he is active in concert choir, the jazz-rock music group and in sports announcing. He is a member of the area school's honors chorus.

Part of his award was a banner for his church which he presented to Unity Presbyterian at the Sunday morning worship service on October 21st.

Schroyer sang for the kickoff in Mercer County of the 200th anniversary of the beginning of Sunday schools. This celebration was held at the Bethany United Presbyterian Church, Mercer, on Monday, October 29th, at 7 p.m.



Planning an Estate?

In your estate planning, remember Christian Endeavor International in your will, that its ministry may be undergirded in the days ahead.

A Sample Bequest:

I give and bequeath to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, Columbus, Ohio, the sum of _____ Dollars.

For information write to
Charles W. Barner
General Secretary
International Society of Christian Endeavor

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How One Church . . . Cares for its Young People

— Rev. Frank E. Clark

We heard an eloquent minister say, the other day, in the course of his address, "I do not dare to bring too many children into my church; not because I do not believe in their sincerity and piety and fitness for church membership, but because there is no provision for their growth and nurture after they are in the church."

"What shall we do for the children and young people of the church" seems to be one of the pressing problems of the day.

By the hopeful conversion of a large number of young people last winter, the writer of this article had this question thrust upon him as a practical matter, and the frequent inquiries concerning the plans adopted at the time tempts him to rehearse them, in the hope that they may be of some benefit to others. Not that there is anything particularly new or original in these plans, for the suggestions were obtained in the main from an article by Dr. Cuyler on the culture of young Christians.

Soon after the interest became general among the young people, they were invited to the pastor' house to spend the evening. About eighty responded, a few of whom were church members, and most of whom believed they were Christians. In the course of the evening it was suggested that a young people's society for distinctively Christian work would be very helpful, and a society was formed and a constitution submitted on the spot.

The organization was christened "The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor," and its object was declared to promote the mutual acquaintance of its members, their growth in grace, and their activity in all Christian work! Two classes of members were provided for, active and associate. Anyone who sincerely loved the Lord Jesus Christ being eligible to active membership, and all others of good moral character to associate membership. The active members are responsible for the Friday evening young people's prayer meeting, and by signing the constitution, pledged themselves "to attend every meeting when not absolutely prevented." The constitution also stated that *every* member of the society is "expected to take part in *every* meeting in some way." This expectation has been very generally fulfilled. Another important provision concerning the prayer-meeting is that "once a month an experience meeting shall be held, when each member shall tell his experience in the Christian life for the past month; this experience may be related by quoting some apt verse of Scripture or of poetry." At the close of this monthly meeting the roll of the society is called and those who cannot be present are expected to send an excuse for their absence.

These experience meetings have uniformly been most interesting and profitable. The officers are a president, vice-president and secretary; also a prayer-meeting committee of five, who shall provide subjects for two months ahead, and appoint leaders for each meeting; a lookout committee, who shall seek out new members, propose their names for membership, and also seek to reclaim and bring back to the work any who show signs of declining interest; and a social committee, who shall provide monthly sociables and entertainment of some kind for each sociable.

At these sociables games are played, charades are performed, and readings, music, etc., introduced. Here the young people get acquainted with each other, and new members come to feel at home. About 125 names are enrolled on the books of this society, most of them active members, and, with very few exceptions, the duties have been faithfully performed by all. The officers and committees have been most efficient and unwearied in their efforts. The pastor has attended all the meetings and sociables as one of the young people, and has thoroughly enjoyed and been benefitted by them all.

He has also had a Tuesday afternoon class, to which many of these young people have belonged, for the study of the church creed, the duties of the Christian life, and, latterly, the Pilgrim's Progress.

The results of these endeavors have been the revival of a languishing young people's meeting; the constant and evident growth in grace of many young Christians, a large number of whom have come into the church, and some of whose voices are already heard in the regular church prayer-meetings; an intimate and affectionate acquaintance between the pastor and the young people, and the well-grounded hope that constant and increasing good will come of this organization in the future.

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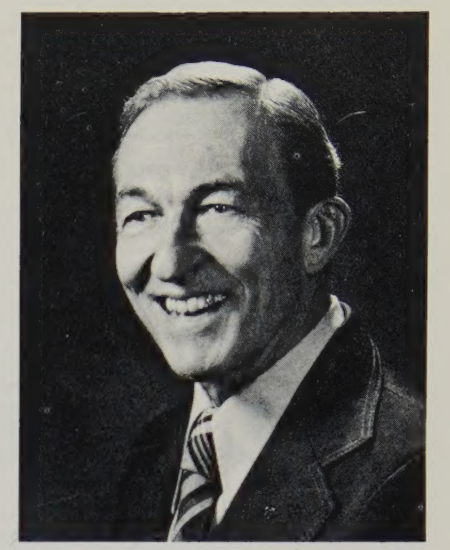
The President's Corner



by Lavern Billig

Hello everybody! In Psalm 122:1 we read, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." What a privilege and joy it is to be in the house of the Lord. Did you ever stop to think how important the church is? The plans and purposes of God are carried out here on earth through the church. The Good News is preached through the church. We receive inspiration and guidance for daily living through the church.

Through the outreach of the church, people in need are helped. In the area where I live a Christian Endeavor family lost their home and everything they owned by fire. Immediately their church came to the rescue. I also think of the missionaries serving in various places of the world. For the most part, their support comes from the local church.

I read of an incident that took place in the life of the late President Dwight Eisenhower. While in the White House he was entertaining a great world leader for a few days. On Sunday, President and Mrs. Eisenhower prepared to go to church, as was their custom, and they invited their visitor to go with them. He declined, saying that he would rather stay in his air-conditioned room. Nevertheless, President and Mrs. Eisenhower went to church.

Does the church have first place in our lives? Is it our custom to be in church each Sunday? When we sign the Christian Endeavor Pledge each of us promises "to support the work and worship of our own church in every way possible." Are you and I demonstrating our loyalty to our church by being faithful in attendance and by giving to its ministry? A Christian Endeavorer is loyal to his church.

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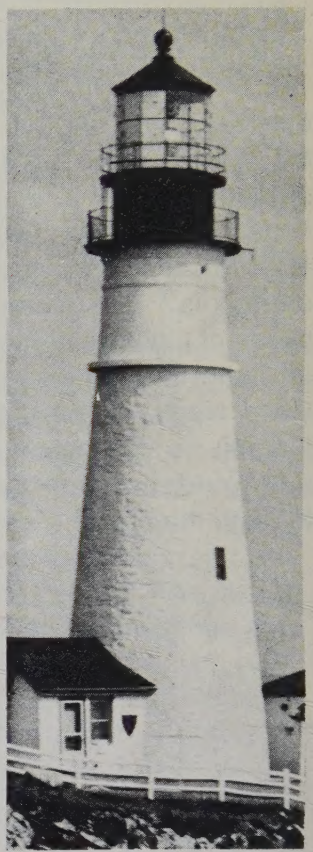

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